

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 32-60 and insert new claims 61-87 as follows:

1-60. (canceled)

61. (new) A method for the treatment of a skin condition of a subject comprising:

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising at least one plant oil product selected from the group consisting of oil distillates of plant oil, unsaponifiable materials from plant oil, furan lipids of plant oil and mixtures thereof to said subject; and increasing the synthesis of skin lipids.

62. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said subject has an epidermal skin barrier and said skin lipids are lipids of said epidermal skin barrier.

63. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said skin lipids of said epidermal skin barrier are selected from the group consisting of cholesterol, cholesterol sulfate, ceramides 1 and 2, and mixtures thereof.

64. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said unsaponifiable materials from plant oil are rich in tocopherols and/or phytosterols.

65. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said oil distillates of plant oil are rich in tocopherols and/or phytosterols.

66. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said oil distillates of plant oil are oil distillates of sunflower oil.

67. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said unsaponifiable materials from plant oil are unsaponifiable materials selected from the group consisting of avocado, soybean, and mixtures thereof.

68. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said unsaponifiable material from plant oil is a mixture of unsaponifiable material from avocado oil and unsaponifiable material from soybean oil, and the weight ratio of unsaponifiable material from avocado oil to unsaponifiable material from soybean oil is between about 0.1 and about 9.

69. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said furan lipids of plant oil are furan lipids of avocado.

70. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said plant oil product is present in an amount of between about 0.01% and 100% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

71. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said unsaponifiable materials are present in said plant oil product in an amount of 5 to 50% by weight.

72. (new) The method of claim 71 wherein said unsaponifiable materials are present in said plant oil product in an amount of 10 to 20% by weight.

73. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said furan lipids are present in said plant oil product in an amount of 2 to 98% by weight.

74. (new) The method of claim 73 wherein said furan lipids are present in said plant oil product in an amount of 20 to 50% by weight.

75. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein said furan lipids are present in said plant oil product in an amount of 25 to 30% by weight.

76. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is administered topically, orally, enterally or parenterally.

77. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is applied to the skin, the neighboring mucous membranes and/or the integuments.

78. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said skin condition is dry skin, ichthyosis, acne, xerosis, or atopic dermatitis.

79. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is administered to treat skin that has been subjected to actinic radiation or UV radiation.

80. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is administered to treat a skin condition caused by a reduction in the content of skin lipids.

81. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said subject has an epidermal skin barrier and said composition is administered to treat a skin condition caused by a reduction in the content of skin lipids of said epidermal skin barrier.

82. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is administered to treat skin that is sensitive, irritated or reactive.

83. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is adapted to treat corneocyte cohesion disorders, desquamation of the skin, or pruritus.

84. (new) The method of claim 61 wherein said composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or dermatological composition.

85. (new) The method of claim 84 wherein said cosmetic, pharmaceutical or dermatological composition comprises an oily solution, a water-in-oil emulsion, an oil-in-water emulsion, a micro-emulsion, an oily gel, an anhydrous gel or a dispersion of vesicles, microcapsules or microparticles.

86. (new) A method for the treatment of a skin condition of a subject comprising:

administering an effective amount of a composition comprising at least one plant oil product selected from the group consisting of oil distillates of plant oil,

unsaponifiable materials from plant oil, furan lipids of plant oil and mixtures thereof wherein the plant oil product is a food additive for humans and/or animals; and increasing the synthesis of skin lipids.

87. (new) The method of claim 86 wherein said composition is a food composition for humans and/or animals and the plant oil product is present in the food composition in a proportion of between about 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the food composition.